the pay scales in case of employees following IDA pattern of scales in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) were made effective from 1.1.1997. Prior to this, two pay revisions were given effect from 1.1.92 and 1.1.87.

(b) and (c) The compensation under Voluntary Retirement/Voluntary Separation Scheme (VRS/VSS) is calculated on the basis of the existing pay of VRS/VSS optees. The compensation would be increased by 100% and 50% in case of employees on 1987 pay scales and 1992 pay scales respectively with a view to remove their hardships.

Automotive testing Centre at Nellore

250. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the proposal of setting up of National Automotive Testing Research and Infrastructure Centre at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) when the project was conceived and what is the total cost involved in setting up of the Centre;

(c) whether any consultations, either with the concerned Indian or global players, have been held for specialized testing facilities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) In July, 2005, Government approved implementation of the National Automotive Testing Research and Development Infrastructure Project (NATRIP) at a total cost of Rs. 1718 crore. NATRIP envisages setting up of world class automotive testing & homologation facilities and proving ground at selected locations in India. The site at Nellore has not been approved for setting up of facilities under NATRIP.

(c) and (d) NATRIP Implementation Society has appointed M/s. IDIADA of Spain as global consultants for the projects.

Closure of Cement Corporation of India Units

251. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: